



## The Official Newsletter of Ring 1 - May 2024

**Our Next Meeting**  
**I.B.M. Ring 1**  
**May 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Naathan Phan**  
**In-Person Lecture**



**NAATHAN PHAN**  
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# CALLING ALL RING 1 MEMBERS

## DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A STAR ONSTAGE!

Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Frog Prince, Pirates, Sherlock Holmes, Rom Attention members ... at Ring 1 your opinions matter to us, and your point of view is highly valued. Please join us on June 5th and you will become a co-producer of our next Fall Show in October ... just by sharing your opinions.

**All members who would like to perform in our only annual fund-raising event will be submitting video auditions, and every member present on June 5th will have the opportunity to vote on their favorites. The club's collective conclusions will help the Show Committee fill the stage with our highest rated acts and ensure that the audience is entertained to the best of our ability. The show is set for October 19th at the Florissant Performing Arts Center.**

### AUDITIONS:

Are open to EVERY member of Ring 1

Are to be short, one or two effect performances totaling no more than 5 minutes

The theme for the show is Magic & FANTASY – including Fairy Tales & Adventure

Audition videos are to be sent to [watson7654321@gmail.com](mailto:watson7654321@gmail.com) before May 20th

Auditions need NO special production ... art, music, costumes nor editing ... just the act as you would perform on stage. If your act is selected, our committee will provide music and background images to compliment your magic. We are a team in this, and will do everything we can to make you shine like stars on stage!

Your videos will also be used to help the Show Committee evaluate your tempo and timing

Any recording method is accepted, as long as the digital file can be downloaded prior to May 20th, and then shared on the TV screen at Dielmann Recreation Center for the club's viewing on June 5th. The easiest way to film your act is to prop your phone up and push record. We can edit the beginning and end to remove any unwanted footage if necessary.

Let your imagination run wild! Try to think of a fairy tale, legend or fantasy character/story that your favorite act could represent. For Example: Our President D. Jay Lenz hopes to earn a spot and perform a version of his "Professor's Nightmare" but with a nod toward "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." If you remember, the titular heroine had trouble with things always being too big, too small, and only one just right. Therein lies the connection that we would embellish and charm the family audience.

Please do NOT let a lack of ideas deter you from auditioning ... call or email Mike McClure with any and all questions. Our committee is here to help you "skin" your ideal effect into a moment of wonder.

Last year's show brought in an equal spread of ages ... one third children, one third seniors, and one third regular adult age. Please gear your act to be family friendly!

Mike McClure can be reached at 618-826-5125, or by email at [watson7654321@gmail.com](mailto:watson7654321@gmail.com) and is delighted to discuss all ideas and possibilities. Please leave a message if he is unable to answer the phone.

### MAGIC & FANTASY – Fairy Tales and Adventure

Some possible examples include: Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Frog Prince, Pirates, Sherlock Holmes, Romeo & Juliet, Light-Scare Halloween themes, Wizards, Dragons, Leprechauns ... any fictional story that involves the imagination (and of course, is in the Public Domain). Contact us with your thoughts and we can help you fine tune your next featured performance.

**Magic Conventions:** <https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

**For kids performers:** <https://alakazam.co.uk/products/toon-balloon-by-gustavo-raley>

### Scheduled Events:

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday  
at 1:30 p.m. at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131.

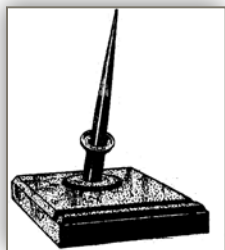
Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

**Board meetings** are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the president and secretary (contact info on last page).

**All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
May 1	NO Ring 1 meeting
May 15	Nathan Phan (with Hayden Allcorn) Lecture at Dielman Recreation Complex
June 5	Ring 1 meeting: "Judgement Day" Fall Show Auditions
July 1	Adrian Vega Lecture (Jubilee/S.A.M. Assembly 8 sponsored.)
July 3	No Ring 1 meeting
August 7	Auction and Flea Market - Auctioneer: Steve Corbitt
September 11	Close-Up Contest (Gary S. Chan: contest chairman)
September 26	John Carey - In-Person Lecture (Jubilee/S.A.M. Assembly 8 sponsored.)
October 2	Columbus Smith Haunted Lecture
October 6	President's Banquet at Rosilita's (Tim Shegitz guest performer)
October 19	Magic and Fantasy Fall Show (Florissant Performing Arts Center)
November 6	New Product Lecture & Review (D.J. Edwards)
December 4	Annual Party & Gift Exchange



## Ring 1 Report by Sandy Weis et al.

At the March meeting Steve Zuehlke and Barb Langston gave a lecture entitled “Arts & Crafts Magic Tips and Tricks.” Several years ago, they gave a lecture discussing this topic. Sandy Weis really enjoyed that lecture so she continually asked Steve if he could do it again. The Ring has quite a few new members which were not involved when they gave that lecture. Finally, after much persuading, Barb and Steve agreed to do it again; however, they promised to include new and updated material. There were approximately 25 members present and not one member left early (which proves that this lecture was entertaining and beneficial for everyone). Barb brought samples of her craft items. For example, she didn’t just bring one container of glue. Instead, she must have brought ten different types of glue. She then gave explanations as to what type of glue works best with various types of surfaces. Steve even taught some of his favorite magic effects using the materials used from Barb’s vast craft collection. One of Sandy’s favorite items was a card box constructed in a way that made cards look like they were magically popping out of the box. It was cleverly made using Barb’s creativity by using special tape and a rubber band. It was pretty simple to make but is amazing to watch the effect. Another favorite was showing how to split a card using Barb’s crafty technique. Barb even shared tips on purchasing the materials such as what stores carry the various products. The Ring thanks Steve and Barb for this excellent lecture!

Steve Finkelstein shared the following, “As the Chairman of our Ring One Nonprofit Committee, I extend my appreciation to Dan Todd and D. Jay for their participation, alongside me, at the 2024 St. Louis Kidney Walk which took place on Sunday, March 24th at Westport Plaza. This marks our second year of involvement, and we anticipate numerous more years of collaboration ahead. There were hundreds in attendance of all ages, and our team performed nonstop from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, with time seemingly flying by as we were having so much fun.

Dan mesmerized the crowd with his captivating performance, demonstrating his mastery with the three-frog monte and an enticing opportunity to win a \$100 bill through a lock and 6 key effect. Despite each participant freely selecting their keys, Dan continued to astonish everyone by unfailingly revealing that his key opened the lock and secured the coveted \$100 bill. His exceptional talent left the audience spellbound, garnering him widespread admiration and applause. D. Jay, our club President, mesmerized the crowds with his amazing performance, showcasing the classic illusion of the three unequal and equal ropes (PNM). Despite the audience’s close scrutiny and even handling of the ropes, the illusion remained one of the most baffling effects at the event. In an advanced rendition of the trick, D. Jay took it a step further by involving a spectator, who initially held three equal ropes while D. Jay held three unequal ones. In a blink of an eye, the spectator found himself holding the unequal ropes while D. Jay now possessed the equal ones, leaving the audience in utter disbelief at the seamless exchange of ropes. I showcased my two favorite effects, both of which left the audience utterly speechless. The first involves the mesmerizing rising card out of a wine glass. Despite spectators closely observing from various angles—front, side, and back of the glass—the moment their chosen card begins to ascend slowly from within, it never fails to elicit astonishment and awe, often causing people to react with sheer disbelief and excitement. In my recent Math Magic Lecture that I shared with the Ring, I showcased an

astonishing pick-a-card effect that left the audience spellbound. Rather than selecting a traditional playing card, spectators were invited to choose a card from a deck of 60 cards each containing randomly generated 6-digit numbers. After the deck was shuffled and a number card was selected, standing eight feet away, I demonstrated the seemingly impossible feat of reading their minds and accurately revealing the exact 6-digit number they had chosen and were merely thinking of. The sheer wonder and disbelief evoked by this mind-bending demonstration were so profound that it left people totally speechless.

We will have more opportunities to entertain at nonprofit events and contribute to our community. I extend a warm invitation to all of you to join me in supporting our community, nonprofits, and enjoying ourselves in the process. Participating in these events not only allows us to give back but also presents an excellent chance to refine our skills by performing our favorite tricks repeatedly. Dan and D. Jay, thank you again for the excellent job. Our club can always count on you!”

In March, Gary S. Chan wowed the audience at the 2024 Always Late TV Movie Awards ceremony with his stage mentalism performance. He put a unique twist on a lottery routine, where he influenced one person to then influence six others to choose specific numbers. Astonishingly, these numbers matched those on a lottery ticket that had been displayed since the beginning of the event. The added twist of Gary's indirect influence on the selection process made the routine truly captivating for everyone watching.

Jill "Silly Jilly the Clown" Schmidt has a new fan named Max, who loves clowns and aspires to become one. Recently, Jill received some professional clown costumes, wigs, and hats from a retired clown, and Jill gifted a portion to Max. Max and his mother were thrilled to receive the box of clown gear. Max has been messaging Silly Jilly with photos of himself wearing his new costumes (maybe she will even help him become “Max, The Magician).

Dan Todd shared the following: “At Shriner's Hospital on April 9<sup>th</sup> I performed the following: Alchemy, my attempt to turn a copper penny into gold, you only achieve turning it to silver! Thank you George Van Dyke (one of our “older” members who shared a great handout years ago teaching me how to perform this effect), Baffling Blocks, Bending Coins, Elis Die Box, Chinese Secret using ABC card deck, Coins through table, Color Changing Ball to Square, Disney Poster Prediction - my effect Using a Disney Poster Deck, My EMPTY routine - "E" is removed and placed in a box. After all the letters are removed, the board is literally "Empty"! The box is now Empty too, ESP Testing, Five Card Opener, Free Will, Jumping Rubber band, King Arthur's Toothpick, My Lunch Money routine - Penta lock, Mix and Match, Red Green Blue Disk prediction, Three Duck Monti, Two Dice in Hand (way Gene DeVoe taught me), Houdini pictures in z wallet for Vanishing Elephant! I visited Cardinal Glennon on April 9<sup>th</sup> and performed the following: Gypsy Balloon, Magic Reading Book, Indian Rope, 7 Dwarfs Repeat, Backstage Elephant, A B C You R Stung, Parlor version of EMPTY, Is There Magic in the Air, Treasure Chest giving out dabloons!” The Ring appreciates Dan (the Great) Todd’s visits to the various children’s hospitals. He spends a lot of time just preparing his effects even before he makes his visits. Since Dan is very “crafty” and “creative”, he is able to make a lot of the effects he performs.

Ring 1 always welcomes visitors to attend its meetings and activities. Check out the Ring ‘s webpage (Thank you Mike McClure for volunteering as our webmaster. Mike is constantly updating it. He spends countless hours working on it in order to keep the magic community clearly informed)

Sandy Weis

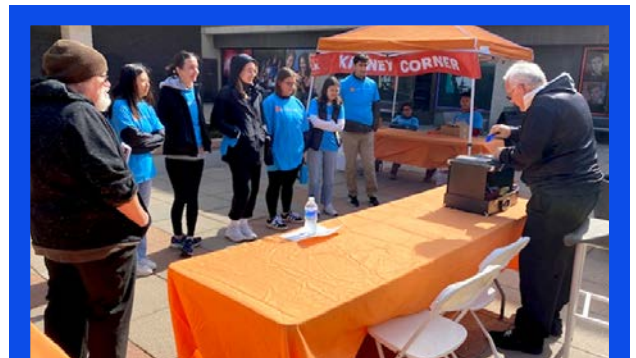


## Photos from the April Ring 1 meeting.



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## Photos from the 2024 Gateway Close-up Convention



2024 Kidney Walk event at West Port Plaza

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